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14 June 1974

Mr. George A. Carver, Jr.

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Dear George:

Your letter on Brother Jim's calculations was received just as we were about to leave on our coverage of the Aegean coast (no connection with the current activities there, I assure you).

I do not know the lady in question, but your recommendation as well as those of [redacted] is certainly enough for me. Please tell her that I would like her to join me when I begin what is still for me a rather hazy kind of existence on your staff.

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I hope I will be able to make the late July deadline, and if all goes well with housing, etc., this should be possible.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Best regards,

[redacted]

David E. Murphy

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June 7, 1974

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Dear Dave:

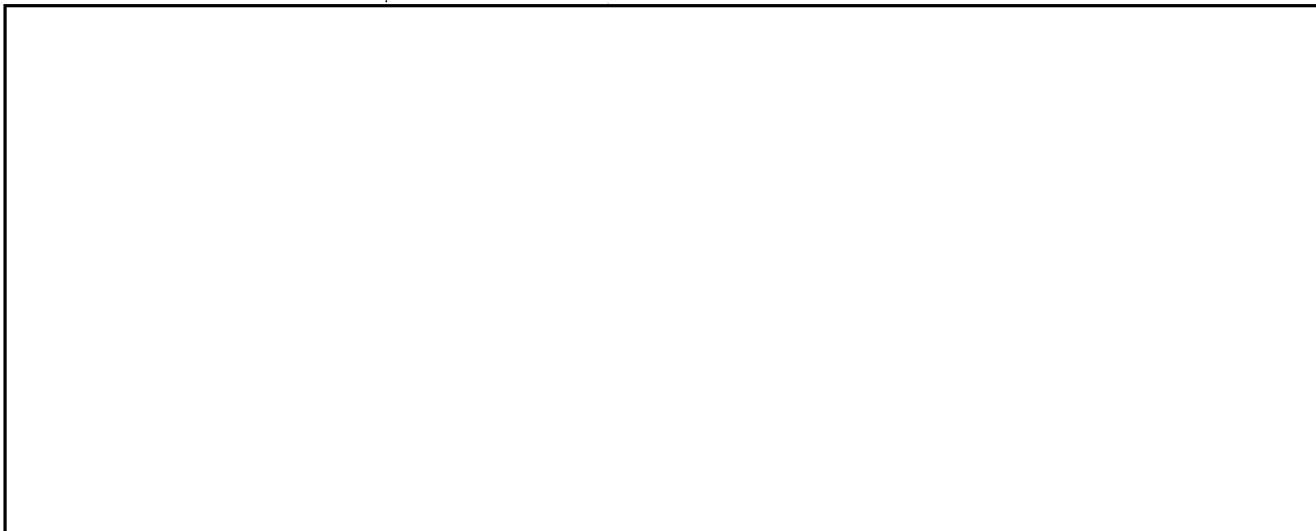
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Bill Nelson tells me that you will shortly be leaving [ ] have in prospect a leisurely return via a wide-ranging itinerary, and that you will be joining us around the 22nd of July. I hope all goes well with the trip and look forward to seeing you when you get back to Washington. I do not want to burden you with details related to your next post until you return to assume it, but one question has arisen on which I would appreciate having your views and reactions.

As you may have heard through the grapevine, Jim Critchfield sat down at his calculator last week and decided that in light of all operative considerations -- including the financial -- he ought to retire prior to 1 July (about a year or so sooner than had been his previous intent). This precipitate, though wholly understandable, decision necessitated a certain amount of unanticipated rejuggling in the office, the details of which I will not burden you with here. In sum, we decided (as Jim recommended) to merge Jim's account with another with which it had a great deal of continuing overlap. As a result, Jim's very able secretary, whom he personally selected after canvassing a number of outstanding candidates, does not at this writing have a firm position after Jim's departure. (We run a lean office and all of my/your other colleagues already have their secretaries.)

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I have a very rigid rule that each of my colleagues picks his own secretary. You may well already have a candidate in mind to assist you after you arrive. If you do not, I would urge you to give [redacted] very serious consideration. The final choice will, of course, be yours but I think her skills, background and current knowledge could be of great value to you in your new incarnation. I would naturally not expect you to make any advance selection sight unseen, but would appreciate it if you would be willing to talk to [redacted] shortly after your return.

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Again, I hope the trip homeward proves pleasant throughout and look forward to seeing you next month.

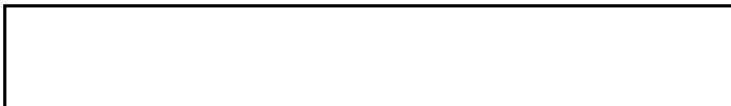
With best regards.

Sincerely yours,



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